

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 35-72, 75, 83, 92, 99-133, 152-178, and 180-203 are pending in the application, with claims 35, 44, 53, 62, 75, 83, 92, 99, 108, 117, 127, 152, 160, 168, and 169 being the independent claims. Claim 152 has been amended. The Examiner has noted that claims 35-72, 75, 83, 92, 127-133, 160-178, and 180-203 are allowable. Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Prior Rejections

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering Applicants' arguments and subsequently withdrawing the prior rejections. *See* the 04-12-05 Office Action at page 2.

Enablement Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

(a) The Examiner has rejected claims 152-159 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for the specification, for alleged lack of enablement. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection, and maintain that claims 152-159, as previously presented, are fully enabled. *See* 04-12-05 Office Action at page 2, lines 12-17.

Nevertheless, solely to advance prosecution, and not in acquiescence to the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have amended claim 152 to specify that the claimed polypeptide is "soluble," subject matter that the Examiner has indicated is enabled. *See* 04-12-05 Office Action at page 2, lines 12-14. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of previously pending claims 152-159 in related applications.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the enablement rejection of claims 152-159 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph be reconsidered, and further that it be withdrawn.

(b) Claims 99-126 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such as way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains to make the invention. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.808, Applicants submit herewith a Statement Concerning the Deposited Clone in which Applicants state that the deposit has been made under the terms of the Budapest Treaty and that all restrictions imposed by the depositor on the availability to the public of the deposited material will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of a patent. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and removed.


Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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